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MAY BE GOV. OSBORN.

Topeka to Have Another Santa Fe Director.

He Will Take Mr. Severy's Place It is Said.

TOMORROW'S MEETING

To Be Followed by a Reorganization Meeting

To Be Held in New York as Soon as Possible.

It now seems likely that Topeka is to have all three of the Kansas directors of the Santa Fe.

The story was renewed this morning and seemingly with some foundation that Mr. L. Severy, of Emporia, is to be dropped from the directory if the present directors succeed in controlling the election.

The story was telegraphed from New York a few days ago that Mr. Severy was to be retired to make room for an eastern man, but that would be out of the question, as the charter expressly provides that three of the directors of the company must be residents of Kansas.

Mr. Severy's friends deny that he is to be left out in the election tomorrow, but it is known that they are quite anxious about the matter.

They say that since he has been on the board, seventeen years he has spent more of his time in zealous work for the best interests of the Santa Fe than any other Kansas director.

Mr. Severy may be reelected. The result seems to await the actual showing of certain proxies tomorrow. There appears, however, to be no formal contest whatever between Mr. Severy and Governor Osborn.

The Kansas man who is most talked of as the probable successor of Mr. Severy is ex-Governor Thomas A. Osborn.

A prominent Santa Fe official said this morning: "If Mr. Severy is retired he should be succeeded by some man who is largely interested in the state, and who represents some of the financial interests of the state. Some large shipper would be preferable."

Governor Osborn is not a shipper, but he has large property interests in the state, and his election as a director would be highly satisfactory to the Kansas interests of the road.

There has been some gossip to the effect that Receiver Alden P. Walker is to be made a director, but that is impossible as when Mr. Walker was appointed Judge Caldwell expressly stated that he wanted men for receivers who would not in any way be interested in the reorganization of the company.

If Mr. Walker should be made a director he would necessarily have to participate in the reorganization of the company.

The new board of directors to be elected at tomorrow's meeting will hold its first meeting for organization in New York some time next week.

The directors cannot be held here for the simple reason that if the old directors are victorious in this fight there will be only five directors of the thirteen in Kansas at the conclusion of the stockholders' meeting. These five directors are Col. C. K. Holliday, L. Severy, C. B. Giesel, R. P. Cheney and James A. Blair.

Unless a reorganization of the Santa Fe is effected within the coming year, the office of director will have about as little importance as that of road overseer for the reason that the directors at the present time have nothing whatever to do with the management of the operation of the road.

Judge Caldwell, a few months ago, made an order setting aside \$20,000 annually out of the road's earnings to be used in keeping up an organization of the company in order that when the road is in a condition to be delivered from the control of its owners, there may be some one authorized to receive it.

Since the arrival of the representatives of the two opposing factions who are striving to control the election of the new directory, there have been several private conferences in which the plans for procedure at tomorrow's meeting were partially arranged.

The members of the protective committee insist, as they did yesterday, that they will have a representative on the new board of directors, and it is known that they are preparing to resort to the courts to enforce the use of the charter, the system of voting if the present directors present a majority of the stock and decline to accord them a representation without a fight.

Major T. J. Anderson, who was a member of the Kansas legislature in 1879 and was also at that time general agent of the Santa Fe for Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico, said today: "The original charter of the Santa Fe was granted in 1859 and ran for a period of twenty-one years. It has long since expired and was never renewed. I was in the legislature of 1879 when the Santa Fe was intended to make a fight for a new charter. They made all the preparations for the contest but at the last moment decided to do without the renewal and operate under the state statutes. I have seen a great deal in the papers about the primitive nature of the Santa Fe charter, but as a matter of fact it has no charter at all."

Mr. Anderson took the reporter to J. G. Waters' office for a substantiation of what he said. Mr. Waters was the general attorney at that time. But Mr. Waters was out of the city.

Master in Chancery J. B. Johnson says the Santa Fe charter was granted prior to 1860 for a period of 21 years, and he has never heard of the charter being renewed although he has never had occasion to look this point up specially.

I WILL MAKE A HARD FIGHT. The Protective Committee Will Not Easily Give In.

It is no longer a question of doubt, but of absolute certainty, that the Atchison

MEASURED BY HOURS

The Czar Has Now Only a Few Hours to Live.

The Drowsiness of Death Has Set In It is Said.

AN IMPERIAL DECREE.

Duke George Renounces His Claim to Succession.

Duke Michael Declared Next Heir to the Czarewitsch.

PARIS, Oct. 24.—A dispatch received here from Livadia by a government official says that the death of the czar is expected in a few hours. There is growing anxiety in French government circles.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 24.—Dispatches received from Livadia say that the condition of the czar has again changed for the worse.

An imperial decree was published to-

day declaring Grand Duke Michael, the third son of the czar, the heir to the throne in succession to his brother, Grand Duke Nicholas, the czarewitsch and present heir apparent. The Grand Duke George, the second son, has renounced his rights of accession in view of the fact that his condition is considered hopeless.

Compact between France and Russia. PARIS, Oct. 24.—La Verite publishes a positive statement, said to be on the authority of M. Roussell to the effect that a secret agreement exists between France and Russia as to the terms upon which the two countries are to take joint action in view of possible contingencies. This agreement is said to have been signed before the fates of Cronstadt, which followed the visit of Admiral Gervais and the French squadron to that port.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—A medical correspondent telegraphs from Livadia this afternoon, saying that the czar has been much relieved by the puncture of his legs which is reducing the oedema. The correspondent adds that preparations are making for the operation of the thoracotomy in order to relieve the effusion into the thoracic cavity which will doubtless relieve the distressed breathing of the patient and retard the action of his heart.

Oxygen inhalations, it is stated, have already strengthened the action of the heart, and the czar has enjoyed many hours of rest. But, says the correspondent in conclusion, there is little or no improvement in his malady.

PRINCESS ALIX MARRIED. The Ceremony Said to Have Begun This Morning at Livadia.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—According to a special dispatch received here from Paris, a telegram was received in that city from Odessa at 11:50 this morning saying that the marriage of the czarewitsch to Princess Alix of Hesse-Darmstadt, began this morning at Livadia.

According to another dispatch received here from Paris a telegram has been received at Darmstadt announcing that the conversion of Princess Alix to the Greek faith took place yesterday in the presence of the protector general of the holy synod, Pobedonosteff. The ceremony is said to have taken place in the strictest privacy.

IMMENSE REGISTRATION. More Than 300,000 Men Registered in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Citizens realized that yesterday was the last day to register, and in all precincts there was a scramble to get enrolled in time to vote two weeks hence. The lists contain more names than ever before, and it is estimated that the figures, aside from the women, will exceed 300,000.

Bitter feeling was manifested at many places about town between Republicans and Democrats, both sides seeming to think that the coming election would be hot and close, and that it was necessary to register now all the voters that are to be secured.

The colored people are making arrangements for a Republican meeting at the court house tomorrow evening.

GOV. RENFROW'S REPORT.

The Growth of the Territory Has Been Steady and Rapid.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Governor Renfrow, of Oklahoma, has submitted his annual report to the secretary of the interior. The general condition of the territory he sums in the following:

"Oklahoma's progress has been steady and rapid ever since the 22nd of April, 1889. Capital has not as yet sought investment to any great extent in Oklahoma, but there has been a real and substantial increase in wealth from the almost unlimited natural resources of the territory and it now furnishes one of the best fields for capital in the United States.

Report by county clerks to the territorial auditor on February 1, 1894, showed the population to be 212,535, but Gov. Renfrow now estimates it at 250,000. The taxable valuation of the territory is \$19,943,922. The assessed valuation of the railroad property is \$1,350,694, the value of the Western Union Telegraph company's property is \$52,026, there are fifty-six banks in the territory—six national and fifty private.

Probably the most important part of Gov. Renfrow's report is devoted to statehood and the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one state. He says: "The question of statehood for Oklahoma has been much agitated, and the people are divided on the question. Some desire statehood for Oklahoma, with its present boundary; others prefer to have the matter of statehood deferred until

OLNEY'S SHARP REPLY

He Accepts the Resignation of U. S. Marshal Bede.

Bede Was Unwilling to Obey Civil Service Rules.

HE GREW VERY ANGRY

Abused Democratic Leaders as Mountebanks.

Attorney General Olney Makes a Caustic Retort to It.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—The publication in St. Paul of Mr. J. Adam Bede's letter and resignation as United States marshal, is regarded as a sufficient reason for the publication of the attorney general's letter of acceptance. In the course of his letter Marshal Bede after unconditionally tendering his resignation because he cannot conscientiously obey the president's order forbidding federal appointees doing campaign work, says:

"I do this because the party to which I have ever given my allegiance and in the principles of which I have an abiding faith is managed by know-nothings and mountebanks and charged with evils that come from others' crimes."

"When I must choose between public office and my friends, I shall take my friends, and nothing shall stand between my best efforts and their best interests."

Mr. Bede speaks in eulogistic terms of his friend Major Baldwin, and concludes as follows: "Once more the dogs are baying on his trail but there is a God in Israel who takes care of his own."

The attorney general's letter accepting Marshal Bede's resignation is as follows: "I have yours of the 18th instant, in which you tender your resignation of the office of United States marshal."

"I have just been obliged to call for the resignation of a United States marshal who began a political campaign with speech-making, and ended by shooting, and is now under indictment for murder."

"Your resignation as marshal is accepted to take effect upon the appointment and qualification of your successor."

LOCAL MENTION.

Wood Fowler and Minnie Burgie are on trial in Justice Furry's court this afternoon on the charge of stealing \$80 from Harry Croft.

Thos. C. Vail has been appointed administrator de bonis-mis with the will annexed of the estate of Thos. H. Vail, vice Ellen Vail, deceased.

The case of Lester E. Middaugh, the North Topeka man who whipped his wife last week, has been transferred from Justice Grover's to Justice Chesney's court.

The new time card which was announced to go into effect on the Santa Fe Sunday October 28, has been delayed and will not govern the running of trains until Sunday November 4.

In police court this morning the case against G. W. Charles was dismissed, and George Buckner, who did not appear, has forfeited his \$3. These two colored men were arrested for fighting.

There is no decrease in the Santa Fe's live stock business. Yesterday the road handled 334 cars of cattle, 125 of which were from the Texas panhandle. It was all bound for the eastern markets.

Don't fail to attend the Theatrical Mechanical association ball this evening at Metropolitan hall. Tickets 50 cents. Fine music, fine programmes. If you want to enjoy yourself be sure to attend.

The Shawnee County Horticultural society will hold a basket picnic tomorrow at the home of W. L. Bates in Auburn. Papers will be read by Bradford Miller and other prominent horticulturists.

Tobias Hughes, who had his preliminary hearing before Justice Grover yesterday afternoon on the charge of stealing C. J. Coughlin's bicycle, was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$400. He was unable to furnish it and is in jail.

Tom Lucas and Mrs. Lucas, charged with grand larceny, were allowed by County Attorney Safford to plead guilty to petty larceny before Judge Hazen today. Lucas was sentenced to \$5 and 30 days, while his wife got \$1 and 10 days.

Mr. D. B. Robinson, first vice president of the Santa Fe and general agent of the receivers, and Mr. D. A. Kenna, general solicitor of the Erie, who is the legal representative of the Santa Fe system during Mr. George R. Peck's absence in Europe, are expected to arrive in Topeka this afternoon to be present at the annual meeting tomorrow.

CHICAGO POPULISTS. They Are All Torn Up By Opposing Factions.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—There is an utter lack of harmony in the People's Party here at present, and in Cook county, where the managers said a week ago that they would poll 50,000 votes, they may not secure 5,000. The leaders of the People's Party are fighting among themselves. Each faction may use its influence to throw its strength to the old parties.

Morgan, one leader, it is said, is in favor of throwing his following to the assistance of the Republicans if he cannot have his way about some things, and Ryan and Pomroy, leaders of the opposing side, it is said, favor the Democrats.

BLOWN TO SPLINTERS. Terrific Explosion of Powder on Board a Swedish Schooner.

ABERDEEN, Scotland, Oct. 24.—A dispatch received here from Peter Head, a seaport about twenty-five miles from here, announces that the Swedish schooner Alene loaded with gunpowder which was at anchor near Peter Head, has been blown up.

It is added that within two minutes after the explosion, nothing was to be seen on the surface of the water, but splinters from the schooner. All her crew perished.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

Germany Will Take Initiative in a Settlement of Russo-Japanese War, Report Says.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—The peace negotiations between China and Japan are likely to take an unexpected turn according to diplomats here who are informed on the progress of affairs. The critical illness of the czar has for the time being diverted Russia from the attention she was going to give to the eastern war and has made it improbable that the czar should take the initiative towards bringing the contestants together.

The intervention of England or France has been viewed with distrust owing to the territorial interests those countries have in Asia. Under these circumstances, diplomatic officials here say that Germany will doubtless take the initiative in any peace settlement.

The same authorities say that when the peace proposition is submitted Japan would be the more ready of the two belligerent powers to accept it notwithstanding the reports that China was the more anxious for peace. The explanation given for this is that any peace settlement at the present time would be to the marked advantage of Japan, owing to her recent victories and a corresponding disadvantage to China. The Japanese have everything to gain by a settlement on terms of equality, and the Chinese have everything to gain by waiting until they have offset these losses.

So that should foreign intervention under Germany's guidance force the settlement it is believed that China will be the power reluctantly to accept peace on the terms prescribed.

BATTLE NEAR WI JU. Chinese and Japanese Each Reported to Have Lost 3,000.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—A dispatch from Shanghai to the Times, says Chinese officials report that a fight took place between the Chinese and Japanese near Wi Ju on Monday, resulting in the retirement of the Japanese southward. Each side is said to have lost 3,000 men.

The Times says a dispatch from its Tien Tsin correspondent, saying the Chinese fleet left Wei-Hai-Wei on Monday with orders to attack the Japanese. Japs Purchasing Favor.

CHENGDEU, Corea, Oct. 24.—The pacification of the country is seriously impeded by the Tongchaks who though unarmed, are a standing menace to the Japanese interests on account of the spreading of their propaganda of mistrust of the Japanese, and the latter are scattering silver about the country with the object of purchasing the favor of the people, and it is stated that 100,000 yen have been distributed about Seoul alone.

The Japanese arrangements are very defective, and a number of dead horses and cattle are found along the roads between Seoul and Ping Yan.

On the battlefield of Ping Yan are many dead Chinese partially buried, and the stench from the bodies is terrible. It is now reported that the Chinese infantry cut through the Japanese at Ping Yan, but it is said the Chinese cavalry were easily destroyed, as the horses stuck in the mud and their riders were shot before they could extricate their mounts.

Many Japanese are suffering from dysentery and numbers of them have been brought to Chemulpo, where they were landed at night.

An additional force of Japanese and Koreans left Seoul on October 15, going southward, in order to quell the disturbances by the Tongchaks. The Japanese prices prevail here, and the cost of everything has been considerably increased.

WILL LOSE THEIR HEADS. Two Chinese Generals Are Handed Over for Execution.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says: Generals Yeh Chi Chao and Wei Yu Kwei, formerly commanding Chinese troops, have been handed over to the proper board for punishment. They will probably lose their heads. The former is charged with cowardice and with responsibility for the murder of the French missionary Jossan. General Wei is accused of extortion and cowardice.

Other important officials have been cashiered and a shuffling has taken place throughout the vicerey's provinces.

The French minister has threatened the Tung Li Yamen, or foreign council, with serious consequences should the long list of claims handed to them remain unsettled.

TALMAGE AND LANGTRY. The Preacher and Actress Will Come to America in the Same Ship.

SOUTHAMPTON, Oct. 24.—The American liner steamer Pacific, which sails from here for New York on Saturday, will take among her passengers Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, Mr. A. J. Drexel, Mr. and Mrs. Havemeyer, Mrs. Kearney, Mrs. Langtry, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Singer and the Rev. T. Dewitt Talmage.

DON'T CARE FOR HARMONY. Democratic Candidates in New York Not Anxious to Get Off.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—The compromise of the Democratic factional troubles in the city and Brooklyn districts hangs Mrs. Thos. for not many candidates have evinced a willingness to step aside for the sake of harmony, and in addition the men proposed by the state Democracy are said to be objectionable in the eyes of Richard Croker. The names submitted by Mr. Grace were Robert Grier Monroe, John DeWitt Warner, E. J. Dunphy and Bonrke Crocker.

Last night, in Herkinton, a man was knocked down and robbed of about \$30 in cash. The Topeka police today received a telegram announcing the same, and telling them to look out for two men who were well dressed and boarded the trucks of an east-bound Rock Island train. Two men were picked up by the police in the Rock Island yards this morning, but told such straight stories that they were released.

Boys. To Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCall, at 1019 Kansas avenue, a boy.